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Keeping You Informed

On Thursday, February 19, our Beth Abraham community faced an unexpected challenge when a sprinkler pipe burst in our building. The alarm was triggered immediately, but unfortunately the first and second floors sustained significant flooding before the water could be shut off. Water remediation began immediately. We are working closely with insurance adjusters and restoration professionals to develop a comprehensive recovery plan. While moments like these may test us, they also give rise to our collective strength and spirit.

In the Torah portion immediately following the event (Terumah), God commanded the Israelites to contribute materials to build the Mishkan, a portable sanctuary. I am reminded that our ancestors too faced uncertainty, but through unity, dedication, and faith, they built something sacred in the wilderness.

Rebuilding is never easy; it demands fortitude, endurance, and patience. Yet, just as our ancestors gathered their resources and talents, we too have witnessed an outpouring of support within our congregation and from the wider Jewish community. The many calls to volunteer and offers of assistance have been truly inspiring. Your willingness to help, generosity, and encouragement are the foundation upon which we will restore and renew our sacred space.

In the weeks to come, you will find updates in News & Notes and on our website under a new tab – **Keeping You Informed**. If you have any questions that you would like addressed in our updates, please feel free to email me at julie@bethabrahamdayton.org.

Together, let us move forward with hope, resilience, and gratitude. May we, like those who built the Mishkan, find strength in each other as we rebuild our building and community.

With much appreciation,

Julie Liss-Katz
President, Board of Trustees



BETH ABRAHAM
SYNAGOGUE



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: THE WYNNES

Terry Lieberman-Smith

Mindi and Ron Wynne have long been devoted volunteers at Beth Abraham Synagogue (BAS) and active participants in the wider Dayton community. Mindi can be found supporting our Religious School and contributing her time and creativity to the BAS Sisterhood. Ron is a dedicated member of the Men's Club, where he is a familiar face in the kitchen during the Rick Pinsky Brunch Speaker Series and coordinates bring engaging speakers to our brunches.



Ezra, Curtis Estep, Rachel Estep, Mindi Wynne, Ron Wynne, Liam

Their roots at BAS run deep. Both come from families who were central to synagogue life, Mindi's father served as President of the Men's Club, and her mother served as President of the Sisterhood. Ron's mother, Rochelle Wynne, was the Director of Religious Education and Principal of the Sunday School for over 30 years.

She and Ron quite literally grew up at BAS, first meeting and forming their early friendship through synagogue youth activities. Mindi is a third-generation BAS member who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at the Salem Avenue building and sang in the Youth Choir. As a youth, Ron was also very active in, and

a former President of the BAS United Synagogue Youth (USY) chapter.

The Wynnes were married at BAS and began raising their family within our community. Two of their older children celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah here. In the early 2000s, as their family's needs evolved, Mindi and Ron explored other congregational options in the area, and found a temporary home at Beth Jacob Synagogue, where the traditional environment and their connection with Rabbi Fox and his son felt like the right fit at the time.

By the mid-2000s, however, the family felt the pull back to Beth Abraham, the synagogue where they knew people, felt spiritually grounded, and sensed a renewed connection. From Rabbi Ginsberg's visit during a difficult time, asking simply, "What do you need"?, to meeting Rav Aubrey and filling out the membership form, returning to BAS felt like coming home, marking a new chapter in their spiritual journey.

Tradition has always been central to the Wynne family's Jewish life, and BAS continues to nurture that sense of continuity and meaning. Mindi especially delights in watching her grandson participate in Religious School, experiencing the same joyful activities and rituals she and Ron cherished at his age.

Today's vibrant programming from the Purim Spiel to the First Night Chanukah Party to Sunset in the Sukkah reminds the Wynnes of the fun, family-centered events that shaped their own childhoods. These inclusive gatherings weave together ritual, spirituality, and community in a way that strengthens our bonds and enriches Jewish life at home.

Mindi is grateful that the fifth generation of her family can grow in their Jewish learning here at BAS, finding both spiritual depth and meaningful ritual in a community that helps each person connect with the Judaism that speaks to them.

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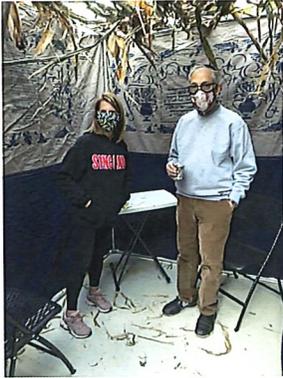
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Julie Liss-Katz, Beth Abraham Synagogue President



Six years have passed since the pandemic upended our lives. While much has changed since those early days of uncertainty and isolation, the lessons it taught us about community continue to shape who we are.

Jewish tradition has long understood what the pandemic made unmistakably clear – we are responsible for

one another. Our choices – where we went, how we gathered, how we cared for one another – had real consequences for the health and safety of our community. Responsibility was no longer abstract; it was deeply personal.

We also lived the power of *pikuach nefesh*, the mandate to protect life above almost all else. We honored that teaching in courageous and sometimes humorous or painful ways. We altered rituals, closed our sanctuary, and reimagined sacred moments.



Daily minyan went online allowing mourners to continue to say Kaddish. Cantor Raizen created her virtual Kabbalat Shabbat and

Havdalah programs. Many of us attended a bris, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding, funeral, or shiva on Zoom.

The isolation many of us felt reminded me of a passage in Genesis when we are told it is not good to be alone. So, we had virtual Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? dinners, phone trees to check in on each other, and doorstep visits. They were imperfect substitutes yet still carried holiness. They affirmed that presence, however limited, still matters.



Much of what sustained us was *chesed shel emet* – true kindness, a trademark of Beth Abraham congregants.

Six years later, the enduring question is not what we endured, but what we will remember. Jewish tradition reminds us that community is not something we turn to only in moments of crisis. It is something we build, nurture, and recommit to every day.

The pandemic revealed what we at Beth Abraham have always known – we are stronger, more resilient, and more human – together.

Pesach Guide



PrayerLab Shabbat

Are you curious about the choreography of prayer and ritual life in the synagogue services? Join us on Saturday, March 14th for the next installments of our interactive prayer lab service. Bring your questions and curiosities.

Saturday, March 14
@ 9:30 am

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

February 7 - Hannah and Stephen Levinson in honor of Noah's Bar Mitzvah

February 14 - Janine Thomas in honor of Ted Cooper's 80th Birthday

February 21 - Men's Club and Sisterhood Shabbat

February 28- Renate Frydman in honor of the response of our Jewish Community

Congratulations to those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

March Birthdays

- 1 Audrey Tuck
- 4 Lee Schear
- 5 Erika Zawatsky
- 5 Joel Frydman
- 7 Sharon Cohen
- 7 Joseph Beaman
- 8 Jack Bernstein
- 8 Shelah Mendelson
- 8 Joel Shapiro
- 9 Janice Kohn
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- 21 Harvey Lehrner
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- 24 Cheryl Lewis
- 26 Bruce Mendelson
- 26 Adam Feiner
- 27 Megan Hart
- 27 Susan Katz
- 28 Cindy Burick
- 29 Carol Chudde
- 30 Samuel Rosengarten

March Anniversaries

- 1 Steve & Patty Wyke
- 16 Joel & Marci Vandersluis
- 26 Jerome & Goldye Kopmar

** If your birthday or anniversary is not listed above, please call the office so we can put it in the database

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Larry Charme
Ruth Temple, mother of Sharon Schiff



Getting ready for the Purim Spiel!



- **Larry & Olive Lasky** on their marriage February 6, 2026
- **Linda and Allan Katz** on the birth of their grandson Micah Max Katz on February 4th to Jonathan and Christa Katz in Vancouver, WA.



We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

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YAHRZEITS

This list represents yahrzeits for this month as listed in Beth Abraham's database. If we have missed a name, please call the Synagogue office at (937) 293-9520 and let us know so we can update our records.

This March (Adar-Nisan) we remember:

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A Carnival of Holy Joy for Every Generation: Why Purim Always Matters, Especially now!

Rav Aubrey Glazer



Have you ever wondered how stories, laughter, and communal play reveal deeper truths about human existence? If so, then you will be fascinated to see you are not alone. I find inspiration in this regard with the Russian philosopher and literary theorist, Mikhail Bakhtin (1895–1975), who spent much of his life thinking through these deeper truths and how they affect our humanity. Living through political repression and

personal hardship, Bakhtin developed the idea of the “carnival” as a social and spiritual force: a moment when the world turns upside down, hierarchies loosen, and ordinary people taste freedom from the rigid structures of daily life. Carnival, for Bakhtin, was not frivolity but revelation—an eruption of truth through humor, parody, and collective joy. Sound familiar?

Everybody knows that Purim channels this carnivalesque energy, but with a distinctly Jewish purpose. Instead of chaos for its own sake, Purim uses inversion to reveal hidden truths: that vulnerability can become strength, that joy can be an act of resistance, and that holiness sometimes arrives disguised in humor, costumes, and noise. Where Bakhtin’s carnival suspends the ordinary world, Purim transforms it. It invites every generation—children, teens, adults, and elders—to step into a story where human courage and divine possibility meet in surprising ways.

This is why Purim is not merely a children’s holiday or a comic interlude in the Jewish year. It is a profound spiritual practice built around five mitzvot that cultivate devotion through joy, generosity, and moral imagination. When we approach these mitzvot not as obligations to complete but as pathways to overflowing Judaism, they become tools for renewing our communal and personal spiritual lives. So see the fivefold Purim challenges below:

Challenge 1: Invite someone who hasn’t come in a while to join you for the Megillah reading and share the story together.

Megillat Esther remains the beating heart of Purim. The story of Esther is a drama of hiddenness—God’s name never appears, miracles are absent, and redemption unfolds through human initiative. When we gather across generations to hear the Megillah, we rehearse the art of noticing courage in unlikely places. Children delight in the groggers, teens lean into the theatricality, adults listen for political nuance, and elders hear echoes of resilience from their own lives. The Megillah becomes a shared mirror, reflecting back the truth that every generation must learn to act with bravery even when the divine feels concealed.

Challenge 2: Choose someone outside your usual circle and send them a simple, heartfelt Purim gift.

The second mitzvah, mishloach manot, strengthens the bonds that hold a community together. At its simplest, it requires

sending two ready-to-eat foods to one person. But its deeper purpose is to cultivate connection, gratitude, and reconciliation. In a world where relationships can fray under the pressures of time, distance, or misunderstanding, Purim offers a gentle, joyful way to repair and renew them. A small package of treats becomes a bridge—between neighbors, between generations, between people who may not have spoken in a while.

Challenge 3: Make a Purim day donation to a local food pantry or social service agency, and involve children or teens in choosing where it goes.

The third mitzvah, matanot la’evyonim, ensures that Purim joy is shared widely. The holiday insists that celebration is incomplete unless everyone can participate. This is one of the most radical aspects of Purim: joy is not a private possession but a communal resource. Perhaps even volunteer at the Dayton Foodbank. Giving to those in need on Purim day is not charity; it is solidarity. It is a declaration that our joy expands when others are lifted up.

Challenge 4: Host or join a Purim meal where each person brings a dish that carries a story, and share those stories as you eat.

The festive meal, the seudat Purim, is the fourth mitzvah, and it transforms eating into a spiritual discipline. The Talmud teaches that “one who increases in joy is praiseworthy,” and the Purim feast is a chance to practice that increase. It is not about excess but about presence—about gathering with others to celebrate survival, resilience, and the possibility of transformation. When we share stories, laughter, and food, we enact the truth that joy is a communal art.

Challenge 5: Choose one concrete act of justice or compassion this month and dedicate it to counteracting cruelty.

The fifth mitzvah, remembering Amalek, grounds Purim’s joy in moral seriousness. Amalek represents cruelty, indifference, and the targeting of the vulnerable. Remembering Amalek is not about vengeance; it is about vigilance. It calls us to oppose hatred in all its forms and to cultivate moral courage in our daily lives. Purim joy is not escapist—it is joy that strengthens our resolve to build a more just world.

All of this helps explain a remarkable teaching in the Talmud: that in the messianic era, when most holidays will fade, Purim alone will remain. Many commentators suggest that Purim endures because it teaches a form of faith that does not depend on miracles. It trains us to find holiness in the ordinary, to act with courage even when God feels hidden, and to cultivate joy as a spiritual practice. In a redeemed world, we may no longer need reminders of divine intervention, but we will always need the spiritual muscles that Purim strengthens—joy, generosity, solidarity, courage, and the ability to reveal light in places of concealment. This year let us be more curious about Purim, and consider why it is not limited to merely being defined as a kid’s carnival. Purim is a rehearsal for redemption, a celebration that transforms rather than suspends the world, and an invitation to live with overflowing Jewish joy.

Beth Abraham Men's Club Invites You To Their
**ANNUAL DELI DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT
 AND RAFFLE DRAWING**



Sunday evening, March 22, 2026 at 6:00



NEW LOCATION: BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

Join us for a delicious kosher deli buffet, featuring corned beef, pastrami, sliced turkey breast, fine breads, vegetarian baked beans, potato knishes, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert, and more!

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm, followed by the raffle drawing, and then our featured movie at about 7:00 pm.

Raffle tickets are being mailed, so be sure to return them by this night for a chance to win one of these great prizes:

- 1st Prize: Dayton Country Club Golf Package (**Paul & Kristan Levy**)
Includes 4 complimentary rounds of golf w/cart & lunch up to \$60
- 2nd Prize: DeLonghi Dedic Duo Espresso Machine
- 3rd Prize: 55" Insignia 4K Fire TV
- 4th Prize: \$100 Gift Card (**Gordons Jewelry & Loan**)
- 5th Prize: \$50 All the Best Delicatessen Gift Cards
- 6th Prize: \$25 All the Best Delicatessen Gift Card

This year's featured movie is a widespread critically acclaimed top 10 film of 2009: *A Serious Man* is a 2009 dark comedy-drama film written, produced, edited, and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Set in 1967, the film stars Michael Stuhlbarg as a Minnesotan Jewish man whose life crumbles both professionally and personally, leading him to questions about his faith. Since its release, it has been widely considered on the Coen brothers' best films and one of the greatest films of the 21st century

The cost for the entire deli-dinner and movie program is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by March 19th by contacting the synagogue office: 937-293-9520.

Send your checks, payable to Beth Abraham Men's Club, to the synagogue office, or you can pay at the door.



Between Honey and Ash: Confronting Our Shadows in Lamentations

What happens when the Bible's most rapturous love poem is overshadowed by its rawest cry of heartbreak? In this month's lifelong learning sessions, we'll trace how traversing the shadow kingdom of Lamentations teaches us to love fiercely, grieve honestly, and return to hope without denying the world's fractures.

4 Tuesdays in March
@ 10am on Zoom

Call or email the office to Register

Make a Difference: Upcoming Social Action Opportunities

Our Social Action team has a busy and meaningful six months ahead, and we need your help to make an impact! Whether it's through simple recycling or hands-on volunteering, there are many ways to get involved:

Ongoing Support: We are collecting old batteries for recycling and donations for the Foodbank throughout the entire year. Every contribution helps protect our environment and support those in need.

Honoring Our Heroes (May 3rd): Join us and Alex Pearl, JVV Post #587 Vice Commander, at 10:00 AM to place flags on the gravesites of our veterans. It is a powerful way to show our gratitude for their service.

Crayons to Classrooms (July–August): Our school supply drive will return this summer to help local students and teachers start the year right.

Saving Lives (November): We are partnering with the Red Cross to host a blood drive. Stay tuned for more details on how you can donate.

Your Voice Matters!

Social action thrives on new energy and ideas. We always welcome your suggestions, feedback, and, most importantly, your time as a volunteer. If there is a cause you are passionate about, we want to hear from you!

Questions or Ideas? Contact Tobi Urzi,
tobiasephraimurzi@gmail.com, to get involved.



Still Together This Passover: Our Community Second Seder, Reimagined

Because of the flood caused by a sprinkler pipe break, we are not able to hold our Congregational Second Seder on Thursday, April 2, in the synagogue this year. This is still a season for gathering, telling our story, and making sure no one celebrates alone. Instead of one large gathering, we are creating Matzah Match. Choose to participate as a host or a guest, and bring your family's traditions, stories, and memorabilia to share.

What to expect

- **Host a Seder Table:** Open your home to a few additional guests. When you sign up, please tell us what level of kashrut you are comfortable with.
- **Be a Guest:** If you'd like a place to go for Second Seder, we will match you with a host. When you sign up, please let us know what level of kashrut you are comfortable with.
- **Seder Support:** We can provide additional haggadot,

We look forward to celebrating with you, across many tables, as one community.
Links can be found in our upcoming weekly News & Notes.

L'dor v'Dor at MAASEH

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman

Did you know that within the next 7 years, adults over 65 will outnumber children under 18? For BAS, that means more potential elder volunteers! This year MAASEH expanded its intergenerational learning program to include two volunteer teachers, Jim Nathanson and Joel Shapiro and the impact has been the enrichment of the lives of the students and the volunteers.



Societal benefits of intergenerational learning include transferring knowledge *l'dor v'dor* (from generation to generation), the reduction of agism, and renewed purpose and value for our volunteers. For the students, intergenerational learning enhances social and emotional skills (increased empathy, patience, and respect for older generations, alongside improved communication skills), cognitive development when working with older mentors, and positive behavioral changes such as improved ability to self-regulate.

Jim Nathanson has been teaching Jewish history at MAASEH since last school year. With his passion for the past, he has brought Jewish history to life and the students have responded with engaging and thoughtful questions. We learned about the history of the Temple, the Western Wall and the tradition of

placing prayer notes in its cracks and wrote our own notes, which Jim graciously placed on his last visit to Israel. Jim "finds such reward working with these young people. They're bright and inquisitive." Most recently, we have been looking at maps and contemplating where our stories take place and how the religious narratives compare to the historical ones. As for the benefits of intergenerational teaching, Jim says that "the mix in ages adds a whole new dimension that benefits student and teacher alike." Would he recommend it to others? "I'm so very pleased that Dr. Wortzman asked me to be part of this endeavor."

Joining us this year is Joel Shapiro, working with our students on *parshat hashavua* (weekly Torah portion). While it is his "first experience with teaching young children," he "finds it most challenging and exciting. It's remarkable how bright these students are. I don't remember being that smart when I was their age." Joel has been engaging the students with biblical narratives and their moral and ethical conundrums.

If you are inspired to share your knowledge with MAASEH students, please contact Dr. Elyssa at drelyssa@bethabrahamdayton.org.



The Rick Pinsky Brunch Speaker Series



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

EVENT: You should be receiving your booklets of raffle tickets for entering the raffle drawing! The raffle drawing will take place during the Men's Club annual Deli-Dinner and Movie program to be held on Sunday evening, March 22nd at Beth Jacob Synagogue. See the details in this month's Bulletin.

PURIM: Men's Club and Sisterhood are again jointly delivering mishloach manot gift bags to our local congregants.

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY

MEETING: Men's Club continues to hold our meetings on Zoom. The next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday evening, March 16th, at 7:30 PM. Our meetings are open to all, and we especially welcome all newcomers to attend and let us know what your Men's Club can do for you.

Look for the Zoom link in the upcoming News & Notes.

Men's Club wishes everyone a chag sameach,
a happy and joyous Purim.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

On February 12th, Beth Abraham and Sisterhood hosted the Ladies Interfaith Meeting for about 60 guests. Many thanks to those who helped prepare the lunch & "woman" the registration table: Linda Katz, Tobi Urzi, Terry Lieberman-Smith, Judy Woll, Hindy Gruber, Helene Gordon and Beverly Farnbacher. Everyone enjoyed the discussion and food and even asked for recipes!

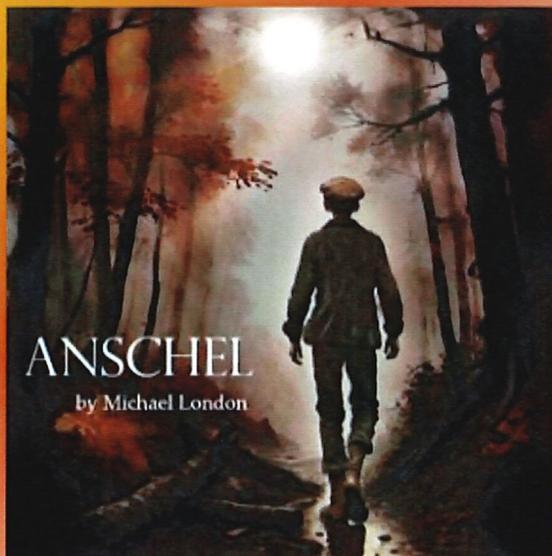
The Mishloach Manot project was interesting. We packed the bags at Irene Fishbein's home, shlepers delivered bags to regional locations for pick up and we got it done! Thanks to everyone involved: Wendy Lipp, Alan Chesen, Maryann Bernstein, Claudia Birch, Elaine Arnovitz, Jack Bernstein, Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug & Bonnie Deutsch, Irwin Dumtschin, Ruth Ellenbogen, Mindy Greene, Meryl Hattenbach, Cheryl & Franklin Lewis, Ann Liberman, Terry Lieberman-Smith & Marc Smith, Connie & Jeff Roberts, Allan Spetter, Suzanne Thum, Louise Tincher, Karin Hirschkatz, and Tobi Urzi.

Please join us for our next Sisterhood Meeting on Zoom on Thursday, March 5th at 10:00AM. You'll find the link in News & Notes on Monday, March 2nd.

MAHJshuganahs are cancelled for March.

The Gift Shop is closed until the repairs are made.

Watch News & Notes for updates.



The Dayton Art Institute is having a special showing of..

ANSCHEL

presented by the Dayton Art Institute and
The Human Race Theatre Company

Date: Sunday, March 15

Time: 2 pm, doors open at 1:30 pm

Location: Dayton Art Institute

General Admission: \$7

BUY TICKETS AT: daytonartinstitute.org/events/anschel

ANSCHEL is an adaptation of the Holocaust memoir,
Anschel's Story by Renate Frydman, PhD.

This play is the result of a special commission by the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton and was funded by a grant from the Leon Norman and Mildred Miriam Nizny Memorial Fund and the Eleanor and John Kautz Fund of The Dayton Foundation.

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LIVESTREAM LINK

The link for all livestreamed services through StreamSpot is:
<https://venue.streamspot.com/72a802ed>

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Friday, March 13th 5:30 - 6:15 pm

NEW LOCATION: TEMPLE ISRAEL

Join Cantor Raizen to usher in Shabbat with songs, prayers, instruments, movement, dance, yoga and more.



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Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Online service links can be found at
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| Friday, March 6 Candle Lighting | 6:16 pm | Saturday, March 14 Morning Service Havdalah | 9:30 am 8:23 pm | Friday, March 27 Candle Lighting | 7:38 pm |
| Saturday, March 7 Morning Service Havdalah | 9:30 am 7:15 pm | Friday, March 20 Candle Lighting | 7:31 pm | Saturday, March 28 Morning Service Havdalah | 9:30 am 8:37 pm |
| Friday, March 13 Candle Lighting | 7:24 pm | Saturday, March 21 Morning Service Havdalah | 9:30 am 8:30 pm | | |